

Monday, September 29, 2008

Deb Ranum, Chairperson, Dennis Afrank and Donald Rieger, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular Monday meeting.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly report. District 1-Mowing has been completed except for new easement roads. blading new easement roads and finishing up roads before winter. District 2-Mowing is completed except for new easement roads. They have started graveling Malcom Johnson's Road. Part of the crew will be putting a new culvert in on the Mill Iron Road and will be replacing the car gate at Bertsch's. District 3-Mowing is completed; have started preparing the North Plevna Road for gravel. They will be putting the Bertsch car gate in Jack O'Connor's Road. Discussed getting a grapple for the skid steer; Bob will check on the price for a grapple fork for the skid steer and loader, may be almost as cheap to get one for the loader. Bob stated John Deere would like to bring a blade down for the Road Department to try, along with T & E. Discussed the bridge on Tower Road; Bob stated Brosz is done with their part of the bridge. Brosz came up with three different proposals; the existing bridge is 20' wide and 4 1/2' tall. The water usually goes over the road three feet to the west. Bob stated this bridge would be in District 2 (Commissioner Afrank's). Commissioner Rieger would like to look at it along with Commissioner Afrank when they can get together. Bob discussed the different ways to repair the bridge. Commissioner Rieger asked about the remaining tube from the wind tower. Bob thought about that but does not think that will work for this bridge. Discussed the new pickup for the Road Foreman; Commission will give the information to Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder to insure. Bob will pick the pickup tomorrow.

The Commissioner's made a special claim approval for the pickup for the Road Department, to take advantage of the special discounts that will end September 30, 2008. That warrant was in the amount of \$27,535.00 is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

BUDGET HEARING:

The Fallon County Commission held the FY09 Budget Hearing in the Commissioner's office at 11:00 AM. In attendance was Roger Grammond, representing the North Baker Water Sewer District. Dave Meccage also appeared on behalf of the Baker Rural Fire Department but chose not to attend the hearing. Commissioner Rieger met in the Clerk and Recorder's office to explain the budgets to Dave. Copies of the draft budget were given to Dave and Roger. There being no other comments for or against, the hearing was adjourned and the Commission will take all comments into consideration and the budget will be approved based on all facts submitted.

Noon Recess

Barb Klang met to discuss the need for a letter from the Commission saying they are committed to the lift station project so Ken Griffith can get the funding for this project. The Commission wrote the letter and it is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission discussed budgets further after the budget hearing held this morning. The decision was made to add enough funding to the park budget for two hook-ups on the East side of Baker to be utilized at Iron Horse Park and for the benefit of other landowners.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

The Commission made the decision to hold a public auction for the 4 Airport Buildings. The Public Auction will be held in the lobby of the Courthouse after proper publication. The Commission made the decision to get the specifications together to bid for blades for the County Road Department.

The Commission made the decision to place the Extension and Planner pickups in the County vehicle pool. The Extension pickup will go in the pool as soon as he purchases his new pickup. Commissioner Ranum questioned whether the Extension Department needed a new pickup or could he just use the pool vehicles. Commissioner's Rieger and Afrank feel Extension should purchase a new pickup for various trips made to Carter County and other meetings that he needs to attend. Extension Department can use the pool vehicles for other occasions.

CLOSED-LEGAL

Commissioner Rieger made the motion to reappoint Dee Dee Geving to the Fair Board as this was the only letter of interest received. Commissioner Afrank seconded the motion. No other letters were received at this time. The Commission also made the decision they will have until October 1st to submit a name since the position needs to be filled.

Commissioner Afrank stated we need to have MTI present a plan regarding how they will fix the rest of the ductwork within the courthouse.

Randy Hoenke, Baker Rural Fire Chief met to update the Commission on the progress of the new Fire Department site and building. Commissioner Rieger shared pictures he took of a Fire Station in Corvallis, Montana. Commissioner Rieger asked the dimensions of the building; Randy stated he thought their fire hall is slated to be 80' x 106'. Randy feels there will be a lot of discussion on purchasing a steel building at their meeting on Thursday. Commissioner Rieger stated the Commission still has no copies of the designs that were sent for the building. Randy stated he also wants the specs for the dirt work, water, sewer; Jim's reply to Randy was, he did not put out specs for this, he left it up to the contractor for the sewer and water and dirt, etc. Commissioner Afrank asked what if you get a contractor that makes the decisions and it is not as good as you want? Randy stated they look at the bids and justify it that way. Randy stated he also told the board they were going to report to the Commission monthly, whether it be Randy that reports or someone else from the Board, but it would be done monthly. Commissioner Rieger also feels they should be in on the final design of the building and the dirt work. Commissioner Rieger stated the building in Corvallis was bid as a turn key building. Randy feels they are bidding their building as a turn key building also. Randy stated the sewer and water was bid with the dirt work and the aprons and cement work was for the other contractor. Randy feels there will be no dirt work completed this fall because they will have to re-bid everything. Commissioner Rieger asked to have Randy explain the monies paid to the CMAR. Randy stated the CMAR will receive 6.75% of the total project plus \$20,000.00 is the cap of he saves them money and the project comes in lower than the actual bid cost of the project. Commissioner Afrank asked to have Randy explain the ISO. Randy stated the City of Baker ISO is 5 and is 30 to 40 points of being a 4. Randy stated there are things that can change that rating such as training, adding a second dispatcher to the dispatch center, better record keeping, adequate water supply system and the equipment they have. Commissioner Afrank asked if the Rural Fire equipment would help the ISO. Randy stated it does but not fully because the City does not fully own that equipment. Commissioner Afrank asked if it would help if we had one fire department that contracts to the city help. Randy can not answer that. The Commission stated they would like copies of the same information that is sent out to the contractors. Randy stated he will try to be on board once a month with the Commissioner's. The Commission stated they would appreciate that.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

The Commission received \$2,000.00 from Encore Operating, L.P. for surface damage in NW1/4 through SE1/4 Section 14-6-60 for the installation of 20 power line poles.

The Commission received \$369.57 for the County's September portion of aviation fuel.

Baker High School submitted the cake raffle report for the 9-16-08 raffle sponsored by the Spartanettes. Proceeds of \$76.25 were reported as collected.

Continental Resources-July Oil and Gas revenues in the amount of \$14,196.39.

Encore Operating-September Oil and Gas revenues in the amount of \$6,784.00
Baker Metal and Recycling-Sale of boiler remnants in the amount of \$28.80.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ranum signed Encroachment Permit #500 for Mid Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to bore under a County road in Section 12-7-59 for a Communication Line.

The Commission signed a declination form to purchase Terrorism coverage for the Fallon County Ambulance Service.

Commissioner Ranum signed a work order for the Library to have CATS and telephone wire moved in the Library.

The Commission reviewed and approved the August Baker Rural Fire District Report with warrants issued in the amount of \$18,897.80; August Plevna Rural Fire District Report with warrants issued in the amount of \$15,907.07.

No one appeared for Public Comment throughout the day.

The Commission approved Journals 100 and 101. Journal 100 to void deduction warrant #31867 and Journal 101 to adjust the fund expenditure deduction WT #31867 County vehicle tax credit that runs as a deduction automatically prints a warrant that needs to be voided each month.

The Commission signed the following road easements:

Kevin J. & Maria L. Braun-Dance Hall Road-23-7-60; 22-7-60; 26-7-60; Valley View Road-12-7-60 and 14-7-60; Fertile Prairie Road in Section 12-7-60; Sheep Corner Road in Section 14-7-60.

Hidden Water Ranch, Inc.-Farmstead in Sections 6-5-58; 31-6-58 and 1-5-57; Calumet Road in Section 31-6-58.

Merle M. & Joy A Hayden Trust-101 Road in Sections 11-3-60 and 2-3-60; Webster Road in Section 2-3-60; Chimney Creek Road in Sections 6-3-71; 5-3-61; 8-3-61; 5-3-61 and 7-3-61; Farmstead in Section 7-3-61.

G. Malcom and Peggy J. Johnson-Webster Road in Sections 14-2-61; 11-2-61; 13-2-61 and 12-2-61; Farmstead in Section 14-2-61.

Herbert and Leilani Ketterling-Farmstead in Section 35-5-58.

Clifton & Gwendolyn K. Varner-Farmstead and Valley View Trail in Section 34-8-59 and Cap Rock Road in Section 7-10-59.

Kalyn H. and Leslie Margaret Bohle-Farmstead and Westmore Road in Section 30-8-57.

Henry F. and Mae E. Bohle c/o Kalyn H and Leslie Margaret Bohle-Hay Creek Road in Section 17-7-57 and 18-7-57; Dog Town Trail and O'Connor Farmstead in Section 18-7-57.

M. Roy and Rosanne B. Rieger-Ismay Road South in Sections 30-8-56, 31-8-56 and 25-8-55.

Steven T & Mary Jean Bruski-Willard Road West in Sections 16-5-58 and 9-5-58.

David A. & Deanna M. Hayden-Chimney Creek Road in Sections 8-3-61; 32-3-61 and 17-3-61; Farmstead in Section 8-3-61.

Sikorski & Sons, Inc.-Longview Road in Sections 18-4-59; 12-4-58; 17-4-59 and 13-4-58; Rattlesnake Butte Road in Section 19-4-59; Farmstead in Sections 20-4-59 and 17-4-59; Calumet Road in Section 2-4-58; Old Baker Highway in Sections 22-4-59; 27-4-59; 32-5-59; and 29-5-59; Shelterbelt Road in Section 23-4-59; 17-4-59; 21-4-59; 16-4-59 and 20-4-59; Webster Road in Section 29-4-59; Bergstrom Hill Road in Section 29-5-59.

Rolph E. Tunby-Westmore Road in Sections 23-9-56 and 24-9-56.

Gunderson Farms, Inc.-Sandstone Road in Sections 28-7-59 and 27-7-59; Yellow Brick Trail in Sections 28-7-59; 34-7-59 and 27-7-59; Farmstead in Section 24-7-59; Airport Road in Section 24-7-59; DuCharme Access in Sections 31-7-59 and 32-7-59.

Allen Duane Rustad-Ollie Road and Farmstead in Section 2-9-60.

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from September 8 and September 15, 2008.

Adjourned.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:
s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder